

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an XM satellite radio subscriber and have been for several months now. Words cannot describe the joy I felt when I first experienced the radio content delivered to me by my XM satellite radio provider. I never expected to have so many choices of genres of music that I enjoy in crystal clear quality streaming through my radio 24 hours a day! I didn't have these choices with conventional radio. I was forced to listen to music I didn't enjoy and endure loud, obnoxious commercials about products that I wasn't the least bit interested in.

The XM satellite radio traffic and weather channel is also head and shoulders above conventional radio's traffic and weather reports. Unlike conventional radio, XM's traffic and weather channel is a dedicated channel that continuously reports my local information. Even a quick glimpse at my radio screen gives me the current weather conditions (eg. cloudy, 63 degrees). And since XM satellite radio is a national service I can also get the weather information of cities to which I am travelling just as quickly.

XM satellite radio is a pay service. If it were not better than free radio I would not pay for it. Since I pay the subscription fee it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I respectfully urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

Sincerely,

C J Coutsoukes ...